

**APPENDIX A**  
**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE IN THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 1 the title at line 1 is amended as follows:

PHOTOELECTRIC CONVERTER HAVING A LIGHT RECEIVING PORTION WITH  
AN IMPROVED READOUT GATE

On page 13 the paragraphs starting at line 2 is amended as follows:

[An object of the present invention is to offer a photoelectric converter such as an imaging apparatus which smoothly reads out charges without badly influencing the charge capacity and charge transfers of a charge transfer portion and other characteristics, and reduces power consumption by reducing a readout voltage.]

A photoelectric converter [such as an imaging apparatus having a readout gate portion patterned to make the width of a portion adjacent to a photodiode portion of a readout gate wider than that of a portion at a vertical CCD portion side] with improved charge transfer efficiency from a light receiving portion. The photoelectric converter includes a light receiving portion having an output end and a gate portion having a first side and a second side that both define a readout gate width for the light receiving portion, where the first side of the gate portion confronts the output end of the light receiving portion. The photoelectric converter also includes a charge transfer portion formed to confront the second side of the gate portion, where the readout gate width of said gate portion is wider at the first side confronting said light receiving portion than at the second side confronting said charge transfer portion.